

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MAPUTO 01099 251312Z

42

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 INRE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /061 W

----- 001808

O 251115Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5050

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MAPUTO 1099

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, RH

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA REACTION TO SMITH'S AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT
MAJORITY RULE

1. SUMMARY: NOTICIAS SEPTEMBER 25 DEVOTED A GOOD PORTION OF ITS FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO SMITH'S "CAPITULATION" SPEECH. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO ALSO GAVE SPEECH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. FOR MOST PART PRESS AND RADIO TREATMENT HAS BEEN STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH LITTLE EDITORIALIZING. PRESIDENT MACHEL HAS NOT AS YET MADE ANY STATEMENT ON SMITH'S SPEECH.

2. UNDER CAPTION "IAN SMITH ANNOUNCES CAPITULATION IN THE FACE OF IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS," NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT THE "MINORITY RACIST REGIME IN THE ILLEGAL BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA IS READY TO TRANSFER POWER TO AN AFRICAN MAJORITY WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS". ARTICLE THEN WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE MAIN POINTS OF SMITH'S SPEECH AND TO UNDER-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MAPUTO 01099 251312Z

SCORE THE TWO CONDITIONS--REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS AND

AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE--FOR SETTING IN TRAIN THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO A BLACK-DOMINATED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. NOTICIAS SAID THAT SMITH'S "ABOUT FACE" WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF AN "ULTIMATUM" TO HIM FROM SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER. ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH EDITORIALIZED COMMENT THAT "THE SPEECH BY SMITH--CAPITULATING IN THE FACE OF THE MANEUVERS BY ANGLO-AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ITS WESTERN COLLABORATORS--DOES NOT REVEAL THE NAMES OF THE AFRICAN LEADERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXECUTION OF THE KISSINGER PLAN TO SAVE CAPITALIST INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GENERALLY WELL INFORMED SOURCES--INDIVIDUALS WITH GREAT PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND COLLABORATORS WITH IDEAS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE AND WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY SUPPORTING THE ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS, WILL COLLABORATE IN THIS PLAN TO SAFEGUARD THE IMPERIALIST INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE, MORE PRECISELY, WITH THE CREATION OF A PUPPET REGIME."

3. CENTER PAGE ARTICLE IN THE SAME EDITION OF NOTICIAS REPORTED THE SECRETARY'S STOP IN LONDON. ARTICLE QUOTED THE SECRETARY AS SAYING "GREAT BRITAIN HAS AN HISTORIC AND LEGAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ZIMBABWE AND IT SEEMS TO US NATURAL THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ASSUME ITS HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITIES.". ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT THE UK WOULD "RAPIDLY CONVOKE" MEETING BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION GROUPS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN GETTING THE BALL ROLLING, NOTICIAS SAID THAT BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN DOES NOT INTEND TO "ASSUME THE PREDOMINANT" ROLE IN THE CONFERENCES BUT WOULD ALLOW THE WHITE AND BLACK RHODESIANS PRODUCE A FINAL AGREEMENT.

4. RADIO MOZAMBIQUE HAS ALSO GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO SMITH'S CAPITULATION, BUT HAS REFRAINED FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MAPUTO 01099 251312Z

ANALYZING AND EDITORIALIZING ABOUT CONTENTS OF SPEECH OR WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT IN RHODESIA.

5. COMMENT. WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE PARAGRAPH IN NOTICIAS (CITED ABOVE) AND A FEW GRATUITOUS AND STRATEGICALLY PLACED ADJECTIVES, MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA HAVE PLAYED IT RELATIVELY STRAIGHT. CHARACTERISTICALLY, NEITHER MACHEL NOR ANY OTHER HIGH RANKING GPRM OFFICIALS

HAS AS YET MADE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SMITH'S SPEECH.
THIS HAS ALSO BEEN THE CASE THROUGHOUT MOST OF
SECRETARY'S SECOND SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRIP, WITH SOLE
EXCEPTION OF REMARKS MADE BY FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT
MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, WHICH WERE NOT MADE IN
MOZAMBIQUE AND WHICH WERE NOT FULLY REPORTED IN GOVERN-
MENT CONTROLLED PRESS.
DE PREE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, GOVERNMENT REFORM, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MAPUTO001099
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760362-1355
From: MAPUTO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760920/aaaaarbq.tel
Line Count: 123
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAY 2004 by MartinML>; APPROVED <10 SEP 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA REACTION TO SMITH'S AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, MZ, RH, (SMITH, IAN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006